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COLONEL MATTHEW BAIRD, Director of Training

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Matthew Baird was born in 1901 in Ardmore, Pennsylvania. He received his B.A. from Princeton in 1924, an M.A. the following year from the same institution, and in 1928 an LL.B. from Balliol College, Oxford University. The next ten years he spent as an educator, first as Assistant Headmaster of the Haverford School and later as Headmaster of the Arizona Desert School. In 1938 he left the field of education for the grazing lands of Arizona where he specialized in the raising of Brahman cattle. He is at present still the owner-operator of the Ruby Star Ranch located near Tucson, Arizona. During World War II he served for forty-four months, mostly in the South Pacific. Colonel Baird's assignments included: Commanding Officer of the 13th Air Depot Group and later as Commanding Officer of the 13th Air Force Service Command. He holds the Legion of Merit, the Air Force Commendation Medal and 4 Battle Stars. He was separated from the Air Force in 1945 but was recalled to active duty in December of 1945 to fill the new post of Director of Training for the CIA. Colonel Baird still remains active in civic affairs in his adopted State of Arizona serving at present as the Vice President of the American Brahman Breeders Association and as Chairman of the Arizona State Aviation Authority.